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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the application 10689091 filed on 10/20/2003.

Claims 1-36 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 5797007 (hereinafter Erick) in view of US 20030140308 (hereinafter Murthy).

As for claim 1 Erick discloses: automatically generating a persistent storage structure for a persistent storage medium using the entity definition (See column 4 lines

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34-39); and automatically generating an interface for accessing the persistent storage medium (See column 4 lines 63-66).

While Erick does not differ substantially from the claimed invention, the disclosure of receiving as input an entity definition is not necessarily explicitly stated. Murthy however does disclose receiving as input an entity definition (See paragraph 0032); It would have been obvious to an artisan of ordinary skill in the pertinent art to have incorporated the teachings of Murthy into the system of Erick. The modification would have been obvious because languages like XML are becoming more and more frequent, and databases are not made to fit every possible object that can be derived from such languages (See Murthy paragraph 0016). An automatic method of persistent storage will allow the full structure of languages such as XML to be fully used and will allow for optimal performance (See Murthy paragraph 0018).

As for claim 2, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: wherein the entity definition comprises a declaration of an object, one or more properties of the object, and a data type for each property (See paragraph 0052).

As for claim 3, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: wherein the persistent storage structure comprises a database table (See paragraph 0033).

As for claim 4, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: wherein the persistent storage structure comprises a file directory (See paragraph 0075).

As for claim 5, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further Erick discloses: wherein the persistent storage medium comprises a hard disk, a readable /writable CD or a floppy disk (See column 4 lines 35-37).

As for claim 6, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: wherein the method is implemented in a database system (See paragraph 0032).

As for claim 7, the rejection of claim 6 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: wherein the database system is a relational database (See paragraph 0034).

As for claim 8, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further Erick discloses: wherein the step of automatically generating an interface for accessing the persistent storage medium comprises automatically creating methods for one of storing, retrieving, searching, and removing entity instance data in the persistent storage medium (See column 4 lines 55-65).

As for claim 9, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: automatically generating an index to persistent stored data (See paragraph 0141).

As for claim 10, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: wherein the step of automatically generating an index to persistent stored data comprises generating an index to persistent stored data that is frequently accessed as determined by a predefined indicator (See paragraph 0141).

As for claim 11, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further Erick discloses: automatically adapting the persistent storage structure or the access interface for a new entity definition (See column 4 lines 55-58).

As for claim 12, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further Erick discloses: automatically optimizing the persistent storage system to improve search efficiency or storage scalability (See column 4 lines 60-65 note: methods are optimized).

As for claim 13, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: automatically creating a cache memory for storing an entity instance that is accessed from the persistent storage medium (See paragraph 0164).

As for claim 14, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further Erick discloses automatically populating the persistent storage structure with entity instance data (See column 4 lines 34-38), while Murthy discloses: : receiving an entity instance declaration (See paragraph 0032).

Claims 15-25 are program storage device claims corresponding to method claims 1-4,8-14 respectively, and are thus rejected for the same reasons as set forth in the rejection of claims 1-4, 8-14.

As for claim 26 Erick discloses: a utility module for automatically configuring an autonomous persistent storage system in accordance with the processed entity definition (See column 4 lines 34-39); a module for automatically generating a persistent storage structure for persistent storage medium using the entity definition (See column 5 lines 11-14) an access interface for invoking access methods for accessing the persistent storage medium (See column 4 lines 63-66).

While Erick does not differ substantially from the claimed invention, the disclosure of an interface for receiving and processing an entity definition is not necessarily explicitly stated. Murthy however does disclose an interface for receiving and processing an entity definition (See paragraph 0032); It would have been obvious to an artisan of ordinary skill in the pertinent art to have incorporated the teachings of Murthy into the system of Erick. The modification would have been obvious because

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languages like XML are becoming more and more frequent, and databases are not made to fit every possible object that can be derived from such languages (See Murthy paragraph 0016). An automatic method of persistent storage will allow the full structure of languages such as XML to be fully used and will allow for optimal performance (See Murthy paragraph 0018).

As for claim 27, the rejection of claim 26 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: a database system comprising the persistent storage structure of claim 26 (See paragraph 0032).

As for claim 28, the rejection of claim 26 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: an enterprise application comprising the persistent storage structure of claims 26 (See paragraph 0203 note: the application may be enterprise).

As for claim 29, the rejection of claim 26 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: wherein the persistent storage structure comprises a database table (See paragraph 0033).

As for claim 30, the rejection of claim 26 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: wherein the persistent storage structure comprises a file directory (See paragraph 0075).

As for claim 31 the rejection of claim 26 is incorporated, and further Erick discloses: wherein the access methods comprise methods for one of storing, retrieving, searching, and removing entity instance data in the persistent storage medium (See column 4 lines 55-65).

As for claim 32, the rejection of claim 26 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: wherein the autonomous persistent storage system is an electronic catalog system (See paragraph 0225).

As for claim 33, the rejection of claim 26 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: wherein the autonomous persistent storage system further comprises an index creation module for automatically generating an index to persistent stored data (See paragraph 0141).

As for claim 34, the rejection of claim 26 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: wherein the autonomous persistent storage system further comprises a cache memory module for automatically storing an entity instance that is accessed from the persistent storage medium (See paragraph 0164).

As for claim 35, the rejection of claim 26 is incorporated, and further Erick discloses: wherein the autonomous persistent storage system further comprises means

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for automatically populating a persistent storage structure with entity instance data that is input to the system (See column 4 lines 55-58).

As for claim 36, the rejection of claim 26 is incorporated, and further Murthy disclose An e-serive that implements the system of claim 26 for providing a data management service based on a fee agreement or service level agreement (See paragraph 0225 the two way communication is explicitly for service).

Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leon J. Harper whose telephone number is 571-272-0759. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM - 4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain T. Alam can be reached on 571-272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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